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Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with section 385.211 Commission's and Regulations. All such protests must be filed on or before April 25, 1999. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP96-647-001]

Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Application

April 8, 1999.

Take notice that on April 2, 1999, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes), One Woodward Avenue, Suite 1600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, filed in Docket No. CP96-647-001 an application pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to amend the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued on October 21, 1997, in Docket No. CP96-647-000, *Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership*, 81 FERC ¶ 61,075, (1997). Specifically, Great Lakes seeks authorization to operate two recently installed compressor units at the manufacturer's updated nameplate horsepower rating, rather than the currently certificated horsepower associated with those units, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Great Lakes requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing it to amend the certificate issued in Docket No. CP96-647-000 so as to operate the two Solar Taurus 70

compressor units, each rated at 7,400 hp (NEMA), added as part of the 1998 Expansion Project, at the manufacturer's current nameplate rating of 8,330 hp (NEMA). Great Lakes states that one unit was installed at its St. Vincent Compressor Station (Compressor Station No. 1) located in Kittson County, Minnesota, and the other at its Farwell Compressor Station (Compressor Station No. 12), located in Clare County, Michigan.

Great Lakes declares that no mechanical alterations of the units will be required in order to obtain the increased horsepower, which will be accomplished by changes in control modifications. Consequently, Great Lakes asserts that there will be no construction costs associated with increasing the rates horsepower of the two units.

Great Lakes states that the increased horsepower will only have a minor impact on system capacity. Great Lakes declares that the increase in horsepower will nevertheless be useful for their operational requirements, contributing to system flexibility and efficiency, and will also reduce overall system fuel usage as compared to transporting an equivalent average day volume of natural gas.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said Application should on or before April 29, 1999, filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 or 18 CFR 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's rules.

Take further notice that pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Commission by sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice because the Commission or its designee on this Application if no petition to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant on the abandonment is required by the public convenience and

necessity. If a petition for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission, on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for Applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP99-280-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Application

April 8, 1999.

Take notice that on March 31, 1999, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed an application in Docket No. CP99-280-000 pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations, for authority to abandon a storage line, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. This filing may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.fed.us/online/rims.htm> (call 202-208-2222 for assistance).

Specifically, National Fuel proposes to abandon a well line, designated Line SW-386, in its East Branch Storage Field located in McKean County, Pennsylvania. National Fuel proposes to abandon Line SW-386 because the line serves no purpose since the well it is connected to, Well 386-P, was plugged and abandoned pursuant to the Commission's regulations at 18 CFR Part 284, Subpart I. National Fuel states that the abandonment of Line SW-386 will have no significant environmental impact because Line SW-386 is above-ground and no excavation will be required.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make a protest with reference to said application should on or before April 29, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests